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COUNTY SCHEDULES AGRICULTURAL SUBDIVISION RIGHTS TRANSFER OPTION AMENDMENT MEETINGS

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners gave direction in August 2014 to proceed with taking a proposed Agricultural Subdivision Rights Transfer Option to public hearing. This proposal would be an amendment to the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of an Agricultural Rights Subdivision Transfer Option is to allow potential subdivision rights for residential lots to be transferred from one agriculturally zoned parcel (sending parcel) to a second agriculturally zoned parcel (receiving parcel). This proposal is different from more conventional agricultural development rights transfer programs that typically transfer the development potential into a growth area. This proposal will consider two alternative versions for transferring potential agricultural subdivision rights.

Prior to the scheduled public hearings, the Community Development Division will hold a public informational meeting on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

Staff will explain the proposed amendment options and will answer questions from the public. A public hearing before the Frederick County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, and the Board of County Commissioners' public hearing is scheduled for November 18.

Information about the program may be found by visiting www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/agpres. For more details, contact Anne Bradley at 301-600-1474 or via e-mail at abradley@FrederickCountyMD.gov.